

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

1. Mayor Jeff Robinson called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, Jeff Robinson, David Keene, Brian Leeman. Member Absent: Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of previous meeting

It was motioned by motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as presented.

4. Receive correspondence or documents
  - a. draft copy of Solid Waste Licensing and Flow Control Ordinance  
-Council members received a draft copy of the Model Licensing and Flow Control Ordinances for their review, and will act on at the next regular meeting in October.
  - b. copy of Voting Delegate Credentials to be signed  
-No council members volunteered, and there were no suggestions.
5. Hear request from Verso to amend existing TIF and for a new TIF for a proposed turbine

Mike Hawes, Plant Manager of Verso-Bucksport Mill reviewed plans for the new Turbine Project noting that Verso is one of North America's leading manufacturers of coated papers. Bucksport-Verso has developed markets for FDA grades of packaging papers; its continued investment in clean renewable energy; and Verso's strategic energy initiative has a positive economic impact on the local units of government, community and the State of Maine. Mike reviewed the project description indicating energy plant reconfiguration including waste fuel (biomass) boiler modifications, rebuild, and addition of new electrical energy capacity; improved mill steam utilization; more than \$40 million dollar investment; 20-30MW in new renewable energy; produces renewable energy with proven technology; reduces dependence on electricity produced from fossil fuels; and step towards next generation renewable energy. The Positive Economic Impact attracts million's in investment and supports over 730 existing jobs; creates – 120 construction jobs supporting local economy; adds new indirect jobs thru increased harvesting; (26 jobs for procurement; 26 jobs for distribution) \$4 - \$7 added in community for every \$1 invested at the Bucksport Mill; and increase in wood consumption results

in higher stumpage revenues for landowners. Verso in Bucksport –with over 75 year partnership; Verso recognize they have a privilege, not a right to operate here; track record as a “good neighbor;” and continued investment in the Bucksport Mill and Maine.

Mike also indicated that Verso needs the Town of Bucksport help. Verso need for approval of TIF’s that will assist the Bucksport Mill in making the best business case to Verso’s Board for (final) approval of the project; extend the current TIF to full 30 years; approve new TIF on the Bucksport Turbine Project; extend new TIF to include 25% on R&D; and help keep the Bucksport Mill competitive in the global market place.

Mike noted extending the existing TIF by 10 more years (resulting in 16 years remaining); and continuing with 75% / 25% TIF allocation for remaining 16 years; and other terms continue (limit on investment captured; annual TIF Cap)

Mike also reviewed why R&D: R&D efforts relate to traditional and non-traditional product development efforts. This includes upgrades to existing product lines and development of new products lines. R&D includes both direct costs (e.g., costs to transition production M&E to produce trial runs for both internal testing and customer use) and indirect costs (e.g., consulting, engineering studies, lab fees at the University of Maine, pilot coater trials, materials to perform such trial work); machine time for trial work comes out of the operating budget – a cost Verso absorbs; “Qualifying” new products is speculative; success like Yellow Splenda took more than a year; Verso has four people working on R&D; and a sustained commitment to R&D (Which the 25% TIF would require) will keep Verso looking for innovative ways to keep production going.

6. Schedule Town Council workshop to discuss and review TIF request

TIF Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Town Council Chamber, Town Office.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2011-41 authorizing expenditure from Public Safety Building Reserve for repairs to the overhead doors

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-41.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2011-42 authorizing expenditure from Fire Equipment Reserve Account to repair the ladder truck

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-42 awarding Forrest Auto Body the contract to paint the truck, and to post pone contract to paint the ladder at this time.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2011-43 awarding contract for two septic system installations funded by the Small Community Grant Program

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-43.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2011-44 regarding Wilson Hall

Jeff Hammond, Code Enforcement Officer reviewed each of the enforcement actions taken since 1998 along with viewing graphic photos of the deteriorating interior walls and floors of Wilson Hall. Jeff indicated that he has repeatedly secured the building after intruders have broken in; and noted that he will no longer enter the building because he does not believe it is safe to do so. Jeff is also concerned about the tower atop the roof, noting the beams that support the six to eight ton Structure have deteriorated and could cause the walls below to explode outward.

Fire Chief Craig Bowden said he has told his firefighters not to enter the building, but worries about what might happen if an intruder either gets hurt or sets fire to the place and is unable to flee. Craig noted; this is the type of building that firefighters die in, and any rescue worker entering the building is putting his or her life at risk. Something needs to be done now.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-44.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2011-45 approving Consent Agreement regarding a retaining wall placed within the Pine Street right of way

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-45.

12. Issue licenses or permits, if any

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Festival License f/b/o Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce-Ghostport.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Robertson Waste Services, LLC for Solid Waste Facility Commercial Hauler Permit pursuant to the Solid Waste Ordinance.

13. Discussion items

- a. Schedule Ordinance Committee and Waterfront Committee meetings

Ordinance Committee meeting on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.  
Conference Room, Town Office.

Waterfront Committee meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 6:00  
P.M. Conference Room, Town Office.

14. Adjournment

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and  
unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes  
Council Secretary